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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2023, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Carmyllie Primary School and Nursery Class. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's and nursery's work.

- Confident and articulate children who demonstrate their enthusiasm for learning. They work well together, support one another and demonstrate the school's values well. They feel happy, safe and included in decisions about school life.
- The nurturing ethos and positive relationships that exist across Carmyllie Primary School and Nursery Class. Children and their families feel a welcomed part of a strong community.
- All staff work very well together as a team. They engage enthusiastically in professional learning and reflect effectively on their practice. As a result, children secure consistently high levels of progress, attainment and achievement across the nursery and school.
- The very effective leadership of the headteacher in monitoring how well children are attaining. She works closely with staff to support all children to make very good progress in their learning and provide any additional support children may require.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from Angus Council.

- As planned, staff should explore how best to track the skills children develop across their learning. This will support children to articulate fully the skills for learning, life and work they are developing through their learning and achievements.
- Practitioners in the nursery should continue to develop their use of open-ended questioning to maximise deeper learning in focussed activities. As planned, practitioners should increase children's access to digital technologies and work with other settings to continue to enhance their practice and offer high quality learning experiences.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#) and [How good is our early learning and childcare?](#) Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Carmyllie Primary School and Nursery Class

Quality indicators for the primary school	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	very good
Raising attainment and achievement	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale	

Quality indicators for the nursery class	Evaluation
Learning, teaching and assessment	good
Securing children's progress	very good
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our early learning and childcare? Appendix 1: The six-point scale	

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

[Details](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Find an inspection report](#) | [Inspection and Review](#) | [Education Scotland](#)

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. Angus Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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HM Inspector